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Ms. Victoria J. Rutson
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Dear Ms. Rutson:

We are lifelong residents of Barrington, Illinois. Our home, where our family has lived for 30 years, is only a block from the railroad tracks that run through Barrington. We recently heard that Canadian National Railway Company had proposed a project that would bring at least 15 more trains per day down those tracks. This announcement alarmed us greatly. We became even more concerned when we heard that this estimate did not account for large increases expected in train traffic throughout the Chicago area over the next 20 years. The drastic increase in noise, traffic, and safety problems at rail crossings will affect our quality of life and the quality of the environment in our community.

One or both of us cross the tracks on a **daily** basis. We already experience gridlock when a train runs through during our travel times. We are also concerned about high school traffic as well as the safety of the many high school students who walk across the tracks going to and from school. The school district buses are housed adjacent to the tracks. It is difficult for the buses to get access Main Street with traffic at its current level. We can not begin to imagine the havoc that would be caused by the addition of more trains!

We have been informed that you are responsible for reviewing Canadian National Railway Company's proposal. We think that the effects as discussed above warrant serious consideration before you allow Canadian National to move forward. You hold the safety and well-being of not only our family, but that of an entire region in your hands. We trust that you and the rest of the Board will thoroughly review Canadian National's proposal for any and all effects on the environment and affected communities. Please do not approve this proposal until you can find a way to avert the problems described above. Thank you.

Sincerely,

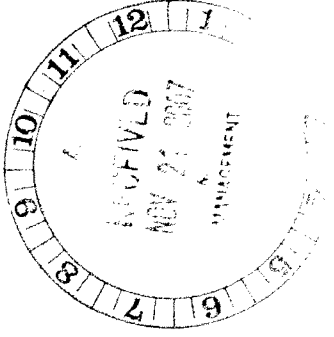

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